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### DECLARATION OF FAITH

#### WE BELIEVE

1. In the verbal inspiration of the Bible.

2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

3. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor.

4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.

5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.

6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost.

7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.

8. In the baptism with the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.

9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.

12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet.

13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.

14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

## URGENT REQUEST

Brother Fred McWhorter, pastor at Bowdon, Ga., is in great need of healing. Let us pray for him.

## NOTICES

I am now open for revivals. I will work anywhere the Lord may lead.—Mrs. Katie Tucker, 411 S. Maple St., Columbia, S. C., Phone 33184.

We have a broadcast over radio station WMPs each Sunday morning from 7 to 7:30, CST. This is a 10,000-watt station, 68 on dial.—C. E. Richard, Pastor, Memphis, Tenn.

Anyone having sons or relatives at Lowery Field or Fitzsimmons, Colo., and would like to have us contact and encourage them to attend church and Sunday School, please write me and we shall be happy to get in touch with them.—W. F. Brannon, Pastor, 2655 Umatilla St., Denver, Colo.

Those who have relatives or friends living in or near Houston, Texas, and would like to have them contacted, please write me at 7326 Texarkana, Houston 20, Texas.—Clyde Hargraves, Pastor of Houston Harbor Church of God.

To whom it may concern: A. T. Williams has been appointed clerk of the Church of God in Valdosta, Ga. Address all mail to A. T. Williams, Box 241, Valdosta, Ga.

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## ANNOUNCING

### The Roy Douglas Soul and Body Healing Campaign

Seneca, S. C. \_\_\_\_\_ May 1-20  
Martinsville, Va. \_\_\_\_\_ May 22-June 3  
Joppa, Md. \_\_\_\_\_ June 18-July 1  
Camden, S. C. \_\_\_\_\_ July 7- July 22

The above meetings are to be under the big tent. Several of these meetings are to be sponsored by the Pentecostal Fellowship. Anyone wishing to sponsor a meeting (tent or auditorium) for next summer or winter, may contact me at the address below, as I have a few dates open at this time.—Roy Douglas, Box 911, Macon, Ga.



## A NOTE OF APPRECIATION TO OUR FRIENDS

Sister Williams and I are taking this method to express our thanks and appreciation for the beautiful cards and flowers sent to us during my recent illness, also for the many prayers that have gone up in our behalf. I am feeling some better and am able to be up part of the time. I desire a special interest in your prayers that God will give me complete healing and enable me to be back on the battlefield again. I know God alone can give me complete deliverance. To those who wish to write us, our address is P. O. Box 112, Wimauma, Fla. May God bless each of you is my prayer.—E. W. Williams.

EDITOR'S NOTE: I am sure our hearts go up to God in earnest prayer for Brother Williams' recovery and, at the same time, we join him in giving thanks to God for the marvelous way He has helped him so far. Brother Williams is known to the Church throughout as one of our most outstanding ministers. Since he was licensed July 24, 1919, as minister 999, he has served the Church as one of its most active and successful ministers. He was overseer of North Carolina twice, also overseer of Kentucky, Ohio, Florida, and Alabama, and Assistant General Overseer when the work throughout the United States was divided into districts. He has also served as Chairman of the Missions Board, and a number of years as member of the Supreme Council. In consideration of this broad and active service to the Church, we know it is quite difficult for Brother Williams to be resigned to his present inactivity, but he has our prayers as well as appreciation for the service he has rendered the Church. Personally, it has been a great delight to be associated with him as a fellow minister in the various phases of our work in the Church. May the Lord's most choice blessings rest upon him and Sister Williams.

## AVAILABLE

Rev. I. H. Brabson, known to thousands, especially in Tennessee, states that he is available for evangelistic services. Brother Brabson is one of our pioneer ministers, and any church would be benefited by his messages backed by his years of experience as a minister in the Church of God, since 1919. His address is Rev. I. H. Brabson, Spring City, Tenn.

## REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

### PRAY FOR:

Our loved ones to be saved and healed; me to be healed.—A reader, Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

Me to be healed of a cancer on my nose.—Mrs. J. A. McGowan, Jonesboro, Ark.

My nephew to be healed; two sons to be saved; a friend to be restored to health; me to have more faith.—A reader.

A cousin to be healed of low blood; a brother to be healed of a throat disease.—Myrtle Whitehead, Hartwell, Ga.

# EDITORIALS...

FRIENDS, God has been GOOD to preserve our lives through another week. Yet, I fear that some are taking the blessings of God too much for granted and are failing to show proper gratitude. Let us be careful to always prove by the manner of our living that we appreciate the GOODNESS of God toward us.

## THE GOODNESS OF GOD

Leads the sinner to repentance, Rom. 2:4. Yet there are those who feel that when a person weeps and reacts with godly sorrow for their sins, they are weak and simple. But that is not true! People are not cowards and weaklings who come to the Lord Jesus with penitent hearts over their sinful lives. To the contrary, they are brave and wise—yes, wise unto SALVATION. If you are saved, thank God now and often that it was His GOODNESS that led you through the deep waters of repentance into "newness of life."

The goodness of God is imparted to those who surrender their lives to Him, "For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness." Psa. 107:9. If you are spiritually empty and hungry, here is the mirror for you. "I brought you into a plentiful country, to eat the fruit thereof; and the GOODNESS thereof; but when ye entered, ye defiled my land and made mine heritage an abomination." Jer. 2:7. Don't find fault with God and the Church if you are not doing well, for "...no GOOD thing will he withhold from them that WALK UPRIGHTLY." What about it? WE are to reproduce the GOODNESS of God imparted to us. "The fruit of the Spirit is...GOODNESS." It will be easy for those about us to recognize, as Paul said of the church at Rome, "Ye also are full of GOODNESS." Let not God have to condemn us for spasmodic GOODNESS as He did Ephraim and Judah. Hosea 6:4.

The GOODNESS of God is universal. Don't understand me to be saying that every person or thing is filled with GOODNESS. What I am saying is look east, west, north, and south, up and down, in and out, and in and amongst what you see will be multiplied evidence and demonstration of the GOODNESS of God. The Word of God purges our hearts of pessimism and replaces it with an optimistic spirit that the devil and God-hating, Christ-despising, Holy-Ghost-rejecting men and women can never suppress or discourage.

GOOD is a product of God's GOODNESS. All that God made He labeled "Good and Very Good." Christ's statement, "There is none good but one, that is God," is further proof that He is the source of all GOODNESS. It could not mean as some teach, that there are no good men, for we read, "Joseph was a good man"; "Barnabas was a good man." We, however, are not to be surprised at men who argue that there is "none good" and "despise those who are good," 2 Tim. 3:3, but we are to keep in mind that "the steps of a GOOD man are ordered of the Lord," and keep walking, running, leaping, and shouting our way until that time when we shall hear Jesus say, "Well done, thou GOOD and faithful servant... enter thou into the joy of thy lord." Matt. 25:21.

## CHRISTIAN AMENDMENT IN CONGRESS

An amendment to the Constitution of the United States which would declare that this nation "recognizes the authority and law of Jesus Christ" has been introduced into the Senate by Senator Ralph E. Flanders (R.-Vt.) and into the House by Congressman Joseph R. Bryson (D.-S.C.).

Senator Flanders said that he introduced the resolution (S. J. Res. 29) at the request of numerous individuals who wrote to him following his address "Let's Try God," delivered in the Senate last fall.

The "Congressional Record" gives the remarks which Congressman Bryson made in connection with introducing the resolution (H. J. Res. 156) in the House. A part of his speech follows:

"Mr. Speaker, I have risen to present a resolution that would embody a divine acknowledgement in the Federal Constitution.

"In these days when we are calling on the Almighty for guidance and victory and peace, it behooves us to give Him the honor which is His due.

"Our colonial forefathers did not hesitate to incorporate recognition of God and His blessings in their documents of state. These early documents recognized 'the power that has made and preserved us a nation.' Today 43 out of the 48 state constitutions contain their divine acknowledgements.

"But our Federal Constitution, declared by Gladstone to be 'the most wonderful work ever struck off at any given time by the brain and purpose of man,' is lacking in this respect. It fails to acknowledge the Author of our nation's liberties."

The text of the proposed Amendment follows:

"SECTION 1—This nation devoutly recognizes the authority and law of Jesus Christ, Saviour and Ruler of nations, through whom are bestowed the blessings of Almighty God.

"SECTION 2—This amendment shall not be interpreted so as to result in the establishment of any particular ecclesiastical organization, or in the abridgment of the rights of religious freedom, or freedom of speech or press, or of peaceful assemblage.

"SECTION 3—Congress shall have power, in such cases as it may deem proper, to provide a suitable oath or affirmation for citizens whose religious scruples prevent them from giving unqualified allegiance to the Constitution as herein amended."

The Christian Amendment Movement, an interdenominational organization, with headquarters at 914 Clay Street, Topeka, Kansas, is sponsoring this proposed legislation and is seeking the cooperation of all loyal Christian American citizens.

They are asking you to write to their office for an envelope containing a letter and literature to be addressed and mailed to your friends to inform them about the Movement. They offer to furnish as many of these "letters" as you can use. They also suggest that you drop a line to the two Congressmen who introduced the Christian Amendment Resolution to thank them for their action.

## SPIRITUAL DEATH

Where did SPIRITUAL DEATH originate? In the garden of Eden, evidently the grandest place man ever lived or shall ever live until the NEW HEAVEN and NEW EARTH become a glorious reality. It is so pathetic to look at the tenants of palaces and mansions about us, who like Dives, are living in luxury and faring sumptuously every day, and yet to know that many of them are SPIRITUALLY DEAD and will have the same sad experience that Dives had after his physical death when they draw their last breath.

Who were the first victims of SPIRITUAL DEATH? "And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. And unto Adam he (God) said, In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground." In these quotations we have two deaths presented. First, SPIRITUAL DEATH. Last, physical death. The tragic thing about it is, not only was Adam and Eve affected by their sin, but the entire human family. Notice what Paul says, "The wages of SIN is DEATH. By one man SIN entered into the world, and DEATH by sin; and so DEATH passed upon all men, for that all have SINNED." It is appointed unto man once to DIE. In the first two quotations we have again both SPIRITUAL and PHYSICAL DEATH. In the last we have the PHYSICAL DEATH only.

Every human being is born spiritually dead. "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother con-

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# "That I May Impart Unto You Some Spiritual Gift"

REV. R. E. McAlister

"For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end that ye may be established; that is, that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me" (Rom. 1:11, 12).

A careful analysis of the Greek word here translated "gift," a careful analysis of the text, together with a comparison of other Scriptures and the general teaching of God's Word, will make it clear to any thoughtful person that Paul was not referring to the impartation of one or more of the nine gifts of the Spirit recorded in 1 Corinthians 12:8-10. Neither had he any reference to the imparting of one or more of the five gifts of ministry recorded in Ephesians 4:11.

1. *Analysis of the Greek word translated "gift."* The Greek word is "charisma." It has different shades of meaning. Strong's Analytical Concordance gives the following shades of meaning: grace, favour, kindness, gift. Weymouth's translation of the New Testament in modern speech reads as follows: "For I am longing to see you in order to convey to you some spiritual help, so that you may be strengthened; in other words, that while I am among you we may be mutually encouraged by one another's faith, yours and mine." The word "help" in this text would seem to convey the clear meaning implied in the context.

2. *Analysis of the text.* Paul desires to visit them and impart unto them some spiritual grace, favour, kindness, gift or help, to the intent that they might be established. The 12th verse makes it clear that this was to be a mutual sharing between the apostle Paul and the congregation at Rome, so that whatever Paul imparted to them by way of grace, favour, kindness, help or gift, they in turn were to impart the same to Paul. It was to be mutual, as clearly stated in the text. Verse 7 in the first chapter of Romans, clearly states that this epistle was addressed to "all the saints which be at Rome," not to an individual, so that all the saints shared equally in this impartation. It would be absurd to think that Paul had in mind that he was going to impart to all the saints a gift of the Spirit or a gift of ministry. Paul without question, exercised the ministry gifts of apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor and teacher. That is made crystal clear in the Word of God. Further, it is clearly implied that Paul exercised all of the nine gifts of the Spirit as recorded in 1 Corinthians 12:8-10. Now it follows, logically, that since Paul was in possession of all of the gifts, and that whatever he imparted to all the saints at Rome was to be

mutual, and they in turn were to impart the same to him, that it could not possibly be one or more of the nine gifts or one or more of the gifts of ministry, for the simple reason that Paul was already in possession of them, and they could not impart to him something he already had. Since this impartation was to be mutual, that they were to give to Paul what he gave to them, it is clear that it was not one of the nine gifts of the Spirit, or one of the five gifts of ministry of Ephesians 4.

The purpose of this impartation was to the end that all the saints at Rome might be established. The entire teaching of the Word of God is that saints are established by the grace of God and by truth and by the ministry of the Word of God, and not by the impartation of any one or more gifts of the Spirit. The gifts of the Spirit are not for the purpose of establishing the individual but for the purpose that the individual might minister to others. The 15th verse of the first chapter of Romans shows us the nature of Paul's ministry to them; namely, to preach the gospel to them that be at Rome. Further, on his visit to Rome, he preached the gospel. The saints were established in the truth but there is no inference that he imparted any one or more of the nine gifts of the Spirit recorded in 1 Corinthians 12:8-10, or the ministry gifts of Ephesians 4:11. It could, therefore, be said without any fear of successful contradiction, that the above text had no reference to the imparting of any one or more of the nine gifts of the Spirit or to any one or more of the five gifts of ministry; but it was to minister the Word of God in a helpful way that they might be established in the faith and that there might be mutual fellowship and co-operation between the apostle and the congregation at Rome. This is in harmony with the entire teaching of God's Word.

If you were to read "gifts" into the above text, and have in mind the gifts of the Spirit or the gifts of ministry, it would not make sense; but, if you use the word "help" in this text, which is permissible and which Weymouth has used, then the whole thing is clear, and it is in harmony with the context and the entire teaching of God's Word.

If further proof is necessary, may I call your attention to Romans 16:25, which reads as follows: "Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began." Paul desired to impart spiritual help in order that these saints

at Rome might be established. This text clearly shows Paul's conception of how saints are established, namely, the preaching of the gospel regarding the Lord Jesus Christ, which he received directly from God by revelation. This is the way saints are always established. Paul did not close his epistle without making it clear what he had in mind when he said, "I desire to impart unto you some spiritual gift," or, literal rendering, "some spiritual help, in order that you might be established (or, stablished)." This clearly states how people are established; namely, by the preaching of the Word of God.

Now, I think everyone would agree, or should agree, that if we could find something in God's Word that would state what Paul did when he went to Rome—that is, whether he imparted gifts by the imposition of hands accompanied by prophetic utterance, in order to establish and give spiritual help; or whether he established them and helped them spiritually by preaching and teaching—the matter would be settled once and for all. With that clearly in mind, we turn to the record of Paul's ministry at Rome, recorded in Acts 28:30, 31, which reads as follows, "And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him, preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no one forbidding him." By so doing, all the saints at Rome received spiritual help and were established. This is in harmony with what Paul did, not only at Rome, but at every other place he visited; and is also in harmony with what all the other apostles did. Truth harmonizes!

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## UNITY

By REV. O. D. COLEMAN, LEE COLLEGE

The word "unity" means "the state of being one, oneness, concord, agreement, uniformity." *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance* declares unity to be ONENESS. Jesus prayed in John 17:20, 21, "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; that they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me."

We see, then, that Jesus taught unity, or oneness, so we, as disciples of His, might have influence in a cold and formal world. He wants us to be one so the world can believe that He is the sent Christ. If we cannot have unity, then we cannot sell our doctrine to our neighbors. If we do not believe alike, be alike, look alike, talk alike, teach alike, act alike, how then do we ever hope to convince a sinner that we are happy in Jesus? In John 13:35, Jesus says, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." Without unity it is just next to impossible to have our badge of discipleship shining, which is "love one to another." David said, in Psalm 133:1, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." He could have said, "Oh, how terrible and unpleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in broken unity or without unity."

Paul teaches unity in Eph. 4:1b, 2, 3, "Walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Eph. 4:14a, "That we henceforth be no more children tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine." We know the Bible teaches central government. That is why we, as ministers and the Church of God, should endeavor to keep the unity and oneness in God's great church. Eph. 5:10, 11, "Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." We can't prove what is acceptable if we cannot tell the acceptable from the unacceptable. By reproving the shady acts and ungodly works of the devil, and having no part with them, we can prove what is acceptable. Glory to God, if anyone is interested in a greater Church of God, I am. But if we are so interested in number that we are to cut corners, let us stay small and clean and have love and unity.

Matt. 19:5, 6a, "For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they

twain shall be one flesh. Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh." Compare Rom. 7:4b, "That ye should be married to another even to him who is raised from the dead," meaning we are married to Jesus and so becoming a part of His precious body. Then, why should we have anything less than unity and love, so we can be convincing to the world, that we are in the body of Christ.

One meaning of unity is "uniformity," i.e., conformity to a pattern or rule; resemblance, i.e., producing the same kind. That is a good type for us who are Church of God members. Preachers, let us be sure one coming into the great Church of God gets enough of our *Minutes* to understand what we teach; then we won't have to turn some out so soon. People want us to be exact and plain. Praise God, let's take them in just as we would if we were going to pastor that church all our lives. Don't take members in slipshod, thinking, "I will soon be gone, and I want to make a great show."

In our *Minutes*, page 219, under "Church of God Teachings," Articles 22 and 23, we teach that we just will not put up with our members drinking strong drink and using tobacco, and if any of them are guilty of the same and won't repent, they are dealt with in the church. Then, in

our *Minutes*, listed under "Members—Requirements," etc., page 226, it reads in part like this, "That the bobbing of hair of our female members be discontinued, but that mercy be shown those who already have their hair bobbed; but if, after sufficient warning, they disregard the advice given, they should be dealt with in the Church of God. Is age to be considered as to our members having bobbed hair? Answer: If they are mature enough to become members of the church, they should be required to conform to its ruling and teachings on this matter." Praise God, we, beyond any doubt, have the best government and Bible teachings in the world in the Church of God. Let us not let our good Bible teachings just be some hidden writings, but let us stand in unity on all of our teachings. People who won't line up with our teachings are disloyal, for they promised to abide by the Church government (if they were brought in right). We need a good uniform method for all of us to use in receiving members into the Church; then, we should be loyal and use them. If all would use the same pattern, that would be a good step in unity. All of our teachings are Bible. Let's not try to make our Bible and church teachings fit the people; let's try to get the people to fit the Bible and Church teachings. (I know people who do not believe in government do not like this, but Church of God members who are taught right love our government.)

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## ATTENTION, ALUMNI MEMBERS

There will be a special day set aside for the program at the closing of Lee College the week of June 3-7. We want all of the members of the Alumni Association to be present for our meetings, if possible.

The Alumni banquet will be June 5 at 1 p. m. A chicken dinner will be served at \$1.00 a plate. A business meeting will follow.

The program will be Wednesday, June 6 at 3 p. m. We have one of the best program committees in the history of the School, who is working on a program that will be of interest to you.

According to the bylaws of the constitution of the Alumni Association, if any changes are to be made, it should be in writing to the members of the Association at least thirty days before the meeting. The Executive Committee wishes to recommend the following:

A motion was made to amend Article Four of the bylaws to read as follows:

"That the president, vice-president, executive secretary, and outgoing president, with two members, constitute the executive committee."

It was suggested by the Executive Committee that Section One of the bylaws be amended by placing the following after the word "term":

"A term shall consist of the specified requirements of the School in the term of hours completed at the time the person attended school."

This clarifies the fact as to when a student becomes a graduate. He must complete a certain number of hours as specified by the School. The Executive Committee was also asked to clarify who was a graduate of the School. This brought to attention the fact that the first terms of B.T.S. probably were never recorded. The Executive Committee suggested that the students of the first, second, and third terms of B.T.S. become graduate members.

Remember, we are looking forward to your attending the closing exercises of Lee. We are expecting to have one of the greatest closings in the history of the School. Your presence will help make it that way.

Cecil Bridges, Executive Secretary



# Short Sermons...

## DIVINE REVELATION

By Donald Gibson

Most intelligent people, especially those claiming the analytical minds of scientists and philosophers, seek ultimate truth. However, in their search for it, they overlook the real issue in the form of a query by Pontius Pilate, who asked, "What is truth?"

Many churchgoers today believe that an air castle of eternal life, built upon a corporeal foundation of church membership, is a dependable spiritual situation. Never do they stop to question the validity of their persuasion. They give no thought to the very thing they have accepted as their guidon. The fact exists that such persons have been grossly deceived by placing themselves in an intermediate spiritual state which could be neither the habitation of the Christian nor sinner. Neutrality does not exist for man in the sight of God. It seems that churches everywhere are in dire need of a deterrent gospel, as was intrepidly preached without compromise in the early epochs of the church.

Salvation is not a probability embraced by a huge question mark, but it is a certainty in the life of the believer. The Christian knows that he has passed from death unto life. This knowledge is not acquired through the medium of human reason, logic, or some other intellectual process. The spice of the intellectual and philosophic wit have, since the days of Bacon, declared that truth is certain and can be obtained through reason. However, such methods of mortal discovery are not able to penetrate the vast array of spiritual knowledge and enlightenment that God alone can impart. James 1:5 says, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally." Divine revelation is the only recourse through which doubt can be dispelled and replaced by the love of God.

Job 19:25 says, "For I know that my Redeemer liveth." Dear reader, you too can have an intimate relationship and communion with Christ. Psalm 34:8 declares, "O taste and see that the Lord is good." You can never become an heir to eternal life until you have delved into the riches of Christ by forsaking all sin and accepting Him as the risen Lord through childlike faith. In Matthew 11:29 Jesus said, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."

## TAKING THE OVERSIGHT

Acts 20:28.

We, especially as parents, look out for the welfare of our families. So ought we, as ministers, and especially as pastors. Some, of course, would wonder why. Well, it would be a very heartbreaking thing to see our children starving to death before our eyes, because they look to us, as parents, to provide. So, also, is the church looking to its parents or pastors.

1 Pet. 5:2, "Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind." 1 Tim. 5:8, "But if any provides not for his own house, he hath denied the faith and is worse than an infidel." Acts 20:29, "For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock."

So, I think we ought to take the oversight and lead them to church. We so often preach repentance and sanctification and the Holy Ghost, but do we take time to teach responsibility? We teach our children to walk and talk that they will develop a strong body; so ought our young Christians to be taught that they may be strong. If we get blessed for preaching Mark 1:15; Luke 13:3; Acts 3:19, why not preach Mal. 3:10 to that poor starved soul who doesn't know God will open the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing that can't be consumed? 1 Tim. 3:5, "For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?"

Let us start a "Know Your Church Program." If we will defend Christ and the church, He will defend us. Mark 14:6.

Anyone securing the services of Brother Albert D. Hall will do well. While he was conducting a "Know Your Church Program" at Poplar Grove, a revival broke out. Three were saved, 1 sanctified, and 2 filled with the Holy Ghost. Pastors, it will be a blessing to you in every respect.—E. W. Fowler, W. Helena, Ark.

## WHITEWASH

Micah 7:3

By Floyd D. Carey, Atlanta, Ga.

Whitewash is a preparation made from lime and water and applied to barns and houses that are not considered worth a good paint job or because someone is desirous of saving money. Whitewash does fairly well for a time, but when rains really fall, and the elements bear down, the whitewash will soon be gone. I remember when, as a boy, we would whitewash the barn, and how swell it looked when the work was first done! We were very proud of the job, but in a very short while it was streaked and had to be done over. It reminds me of a woman who was in the coils of the law, a poor, wretched woman, tainted with sin. The years had taken their toll, but she had tried vainly to erase the work of time by camouflage, namely, cosmetics, and had made a botch of the job, for in her fervent plea for clemency she had turned on the tears, and said tears, in winding their way down her cheeks, had left furrows through the great gobs of rouge, and the mascara from her lashes had aided in completing the job of revealing the real woman beneath; and instead of striking a chord of sympathy in the heart of the judge,

she presented a comical appearance.

The world today wants a religion that does not interfere with their lives. They want something that will give them an excuse, so they turn to some traitor who professes to be a man of God, but is an enemy of the cross of Christ. Jer. 6:13 reads, "... Every one is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely"—they will preach an easy doctrine to gain the multitudes, not for the sake of the eternal soul, but for personal gain. 2 Timothy 4:3 speaks of this pleasure-mad age, when the altar rail is a thing of the past. In its place the handshake is about all the repentance some preachers know.

On the great judgment day you will find that the whitewash is all gone, and you will stand there without an excuse. God's great spotlight will be focused on your soul, and all deeds and motives for same will be made manifest. Only that which is real will be able to stand in that day. Do not be motivated by the hope of personal gain when you do anything, regardless of what it may be. We are prone to look at the pay even of a church, how many hams they will bring, and how much the people will do for the preacher. That should never enter the mind of a man that God has called into the ministry, for God has told us in His Word that He would never leave nor forsake us, and that Word is just as real today as it has ever been. Our main thought should be, "How well can I serve God through service to my fellow man?" I have heard preachers say, "I cannot take that small church, as it would be a come-down for me." Jesus left the glories of heaven to come to this world of sin, not to live in a palace with all the modern electrical devices to lighten housework and provide enjoyment for all. Rather, He took upon Himself the form of a servant and made His home among the lowest. (Luke 4:18.)

Then, among the laity you can find plenty to take the positions that will put them in the spotlight, but not so very many to be the janitor; and just try to get a twenty-four-hour prayer chain started for the salvation of lost souls during a revival, and see how hard it is to get anyone to take the wee small hours. Real tested paint stands the test of time, as it has the basic ingredients that make up the real thing. Down in Florida, one of the paint companies has a testing ground where different paints are tested by painting them on boards and exposing them to the hot semitropical sun and rain for years.

Friends, if we have the real thing in our hearts, none of the temptations will ever be able to ensnare us (1 Cor. 10:13). If we will be motivated only by a desire to serve God and to find favor in His sight, we shall surely stand. God spoke to Philip and said, "Go down to Gaza which is desert." Without a question, Philip went and had a revival wherein every sinner was converted. He did not have whitewashed religion, but the kind that is known as BLOOD-WASHED. Will yours stand? Be sure you are right.

# Foreign Missions

J. H. Walker, Sr., Executive Missions Secretary

## FLASH

**SILVERTON, Oregon** — Dear Brother Bright: We are in a district convention while I am writing this card. The power of God is falling in a mighty way. This is an afternoon service, and it looks as if the minister is not going to get to preach. The mission offering is about \$1,400 in cash and pledges. I wish you could see and feel what is going on at this minute. We had a like convention at Schneider Prairie, Wash., last week. We shall be in Lewiston, Idaho, next week in a convention. Pray for its success.  
—F. W. Goff, State Overseer.

## HAITI

### 429 Added to Church Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Dear Friends:

February has been an outstanding month for Haiti. It was convention month! We were especially blessed this year by an outstanding group of ministers; namely, Reverend James Reesor, who conducted a week's healing campaign at Cayes where 275 were converted; Sister Swiger, instructor of Missions at Lee College; Reverend Henry C. Stoppe, our West Indies Overseer; Reverends Raymond Richey and W. Ogilvie, who conducted several healing services; and last, but far from least, Brother Johnnie Owens—our home missionary. All of these visitors added much to the spirit of the convention with their fine messages and songs.

We wish all of you could have been present at the Port-au-Prince convention the 18th. Forty-nine couples were married in one morning ceremony, and two other couples married in the afternoon, making a total of 51 marriages in one day. Two of the grooms were ex-voodoo priests who have been delivered from their devil worship and made sons of God. Praise the Lord! Some couples had no other wedding garments other than the clothes which you sent in boxes to the mission; thus, you helped make it possible for them to get married. Most of these people have been living together for several years, but had never been legally married. This is a very common situation in Haiti. Just now we are putting forth special efforts to encourage new converts who are already living together to get married as quickly as possible so that they might become members of the Church of God. During the month of February, we had 429 new members added to the Church.

We feel that God has great things in store for the Church of God in Haiti. Keep praying for the work, as Satan is literally walking about looking

for those whom he may devour.

Recently a large number of people have disappeared and others have barely escaped being taken. Some bodies have been found mutilated, as if parts of the body had been used in voodoo sacrifices. Others have never been seen since their disappearance. Strange stories are being told every day, and the people declare to us that men have sold themselves to Satan to get souls for him. We have heard another story of a Christian who was captured and attempts were made to kill him, but as he kept pleading the blood of Christ and praying, the captors were not able to harm him.

While Sister Swiger was here Brother Lacombe arranged for us to visit several voodoo temples. Strange drawings on the walls represented the various spirits that are worshipped. We saw the stone jars through which the voices of the spirits speak during ceremonies. (Space will not permit our telling all the weird things we saw and heard that day. If you will write or ask Sister Swiger about our visit, she will be able to tell you many things.) We were greatly impressed with Brother Lacombe's witnessing to each voodoo priest. We were reminded of Paul's boldness in declaring the gospel of Christ to all people.

Again let us say, Pray for us, write to us, and continue to support missions with all your heart, for your efforts toward missions will pay eternal dividends.—Your missionaries in Haiti,

Rev. and Mrs. J. Herbert Walker, Jr.,  
and Miss Odine Morse.

## REVIVAL SPIRIT IN BAHAMAS

Some of our churches are having very good revival services. At one church twelve received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. A few Sundays past, 22 followed the Lord in water baptism.

Kindly remember the Bahamas when you pray, that God will give us more consecrated workers. This field is ready to harvest but THE LABORERS ARE FEW.—William R. Franks.

## THE HARVEST IS GREAT, BUT WHERE ARE THE LABORERS?

By Pvt. Charles Hardin, U. S. 50953022,  
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Camp Pickett, Va.

I find in Luke 10:2 where Christ had a vision of the lost people of the world. He spoke these words, "The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest."

I entered the ministry in the month of January, and by going into the Army I had to sacrifice many things. The one thing that brought the most comfort was worshipping God with God's people. As going into the army was such a great change in my life, I found that I needed God more than ever. Since leaving my home and being away from church a while, I was very hungry for the blessings which I received only in church, so I began to look for a church near the camp where the true gospel was preached. After a continual search for a Church of God, I found the nearest one to be approximately thirty-five miles away;

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## OUR GUESTS

Left to right: C. J. Hindmon, state overseer of Oklahoma; John E. Douglas, Jr., pastor at Santa Ana, Calif; H. B. Ramsey, state overseer of California; Glen C. Grove, state youth director of California; J. H. Ingram, pastor at South Gage Street church, Los Angeles, Calif; I. L. Benge, pastor at Hyde Park, Calif.; and J. R. Freeman, pastor at Jefferson, Iowa. This picture was taken when the group attended a convention in Ciudad Obregon, Sonora, Mexico, January 31, this year.



# ... THEY SAY ...

## FILLED WITH GOD

At St. Margaret's, on the south coast of England, there is a well of water which bubbles up below the high tide mark. When the tide comes in, it is covered, and yet is never brackish; it is always fresh, and pure, and sweet. The water from the everlasting hills comes down with such pressure that, though the sea covers it, the sea never gets in. So it may be with you and me. The common things of life need never be common at all if we are filled with God.—Eternity. (The Pentecostal Evangel.)

## GIVE SOMETHING

Give something to others each day of the year. If only a handclasp, a look, or a tear; Whatever is given, if given in love. The Master recordeth in heaven above.

Give something to others each day of your life; Help those who are timid to stand in the strife; Go faithfully onward, o'erflowing with love; Then, smiling, the Master will greet you above.—James Rowe.

Self-restraint is feeling your oats without sowing them.

Prayer is not an easy way of getting what we want, but the only way of becoming what God wants us to be.

Learning is like rowing upstream: not to advance is to drop back.—Chinese Proverb.

## A MISSIONARY RELIGION

It is not difficult to discover in the life and teachings of Jesus a sturdy missionary spirit. He came "to seek and to save that which was lost," and we cannot succeed in getting very near to the heart of our Saviour without sharing the weight of this passion of rescue. On this matter John Wesley says:

"A secret, unobserved religion cannot be the religion of Jesus Christ. Whatever religion can be concealed is not Christianity. If a Christian could be hid, he could not be compared to a city set upon a hill; to the light of the world; to the sun shining from heaven and seen by all the world below. Never, therefore, let it enter the heart of him whom God hath renewed in the spirit of his mind to hide that light, to keep his religion to himself; especially considering it is not only impossible to conceal true Christianity, but likewise absolutely contrary to the design of the great Author of it."—Selected.

Maranatha is an untranslated Syriac word found in 1 Cor. 16:22. It means: "The Lord Cometh." It was a word of greeting in the early church. When believers met they said "Maranatha." When they parted they said, "Maranatha." It was to them a constant reminder of the fact of the Lord's return.

It is better to walk in the dark with God than to go alone by sight.—The Christian Conservator.

We can pay our debt to the past by putting the future in debt to ourselves.—John Buchan.

It's not what you'd do with a million, if riches should be your lot; the question is, What are you doing with the twenty-five cents you've got?

Home should be something more than a filling station.—William Ward Ayer.

## A DISTINGUISHED GENERAL

At a public banquet it was noticed that a distinguished general turned down all the wine glasses grouped about his plate. A lady sitting beside him asked, "Do you ever drink wine, general?" "No, madam, never," was the courteous reply. "I don't wish to be impertinent," said the lady, "but I'd like to know why a person of your age and character shouldn't enjoy the pleasure of an occasional glass of wine." "Perhaps an occasional glass wouldn't hurt me," said the general, smiling. "But that young fellow over there"—he indicated a handsome youth at another table—"is my son. If I don't drink, he won't. If I do, the chances are he'll follow my example.

I turn down the wine glasses—and you see he has done the same."—Sunday School Home Journal.

## REPENTANCE—PRAYER—FASTING

The great Nineveh revival was based upon the preaching that God gave through His servant Jonah and their response in repentance, fasting and prayer. The revival on the day of Pentecost and thereafter came when the people of God set aside everything else for prayer, earnest tarrying and perfect unity among themselves. And as they went on preaching and praying and fasting, God was with them and turned the world upside down (Acts 17:6) for their sake.

And when the church of today gets back on her knees, rebuilds her altars of prayer, becomes willing to fast instead of feast, and earnestly contends for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints (Jude 3), God will demonstrate His power anew and let this dying world know that the gospel of Christ is still the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth, that God answers prayer the same as He always did, that He honors His Word the same as in the past, that with Him is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.—Church of Christ Advocate.

If I had ten lives, I would gladly lay them down for Christ in the white man's grave of Liberia, to gain, by the grace of God, the black man's resurrection.—Bishop Taylor Smith.

Which man is free—the nobleman who lies drunk on a luxurious couch, or the young slave who stands sober near by?—Chrysostom.

A Red is not one who is blue because things look black, but a fellow who is yellow from being green with envy.

Little strokes fell great oaks.—Benjamin Franklin.

There is no such thing as corporate liberty. Liberty belongs to the individual, or it does not exist.—Woodrow Wilson.

The easiest thing of all is to deceive one's self, for what a man wishes, he generally believes to be the truth.—Demosthenes.

The secret of an unsatisfied life too often is an unsundered will.—J. Hudson Taylor.

Difficulties are God's errands, and when sent upon them we should esteem it a proof of God's confidence.—Henry Ward Beecher.

Some people possibly pride themselves on having "spunk." It may be a fine thing to have from one standpoint; but on the other hand, a good, sanctified spirit might be a better thing all the way 'round!

There is ONE THING that is going to be standing when all else has failed—and that is, the good old Bible, thank God! New doctrines, teachings, and issues may arise—and fall; but the Word of God is enduring. Amen.

Many times WE are not in any hurry to move out in obedience to the Lord; but just let SOME OF US get sick, or otherwise badly in need of help from God, and then note how anxious WE are that He come on the scene—in a hurry!

I guess that it is rather a predicament—"a preacher on the fence!"

The devil delights in trouble, and he assuredly makes all of it for people that he can.

—Then there was the colored preacher of whom we read, that he prayed thus: "Prop us up, Lord, on our leaning side."

The preacher who will "stoutly" preach a certain doctrine, should try to as "stoutly" live the same!—The Apostolic Faith Messenger.

The Socialist state is inefficient and expensive. It robs men of liberties, and imposes on them burdens too grievous to be borne. Where Socialism reigns, liberty dies.—Dr. Walter R. Courtenay.

## THE BRIDGE BUILDER

An old man going a lone highway  
Came in the evening cold and gray  
To a chasm vast, both deep and wide.  
The old man crossed in the twilight dim.  
The swollen stream had no fears for him.  
But he stopped when safe on the farther side  
And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near,  
"You are wasting your strength in labor here;  
Your journey will end with the closing day,  
You never again will pass this way;  
You've crossed the chasm deep and wide,  
Why build you this bridge at eventide?"

"Good friend, in the pathway I have come,"  
he said,  
"There follows after me today  
A youth whose feet must pass this way.  
This chasm which has been as naught to me,  
To that fair-haired youth might a pitfall be.  
He too must cross in the twilight dim.  
Good friend, I am building this bridge for him!"

"One thing helped me very much while I was preaching today," said the minister. "What was it?" inquired a friend. "It was the attention of a little girl who kept her eyes fixed on me and seemed to understand every word I said. She was a great help to me."—Sel.

Humboldt's description of the first earthquake he saw is significant. When he beheld the rivers overflowing, the earth shaking, the houses tumbling, the mountains rocking, and heard the animals howling, and the birds wailing, he said: "Is there nothing solid?" As he asked the question, he looked up to heaven, and there he got his answer, as he himself said: "I looked up to heaven, and all was still there."—Sel.

"He giveth his beloved sleep." Last year those who had difficulty in sleeping bought 3,360,000,000 sleeping pills—an average of 24 for every American.



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# OLD-FASHIONED REVIVALS

**MADERA, Pa.**—On March 4, we began a revival campaign with Sister Alva Mae McClure in charge. With her consecrated ministry and a praying church we were honored from night to night with God's divine presence, with the visible results of 10 saved, 2 sanctified, 2 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 9 definitely healed, in 3 weeks. In the near future there will be a number to be baptized in water and some additions to the church. We thank God for His blessings on the church at Madera. Though the church is just 3 years old, we have 45 members at present, with more to come in, and we are planning on a church building this year. We believe there is a great future for the Church of God here. We shall appreciate your prayers.—J. K. Morgan, Pastor.

**CROSS CITY, Fla.**—We have just had a 5 weeks' revival, with Brother and Sister Robert Burnham, of Plant City, doing the preaching. They are a young couple on fire for the Lord. Twelve were saved, 10 sanctified, 9 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 7 added to the church. Our Sunday School average is over the 100 mark, and we have a good Y.P.E. We certainly do appreciate the untiring efforts of our pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Carl White. They are really doing a good work here in Cross City, for which we praise the Lord.—Mrs. J. L. Williams.

**PALMER, Tenn.**—We are praising God for a glorious 3 weeks' revival. Rev. Richard King was the evangelist. The power of God was real, and many souls were blessed. Brother King is a new evangelist and a wonderful man of God. Twelve were saved, 6 sanctified, 4 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 4 added to the church.—Johnie Knur, Pastor; Bedford R. Glisson, Clerk.

**TOCCOA, Ga.**—We began a revival March 6, for which we had been fasting and praying. There was a total of 50 saved, 27 sanctified, 35 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 19 added to the church. The churches in the city said this was the best revival in history. The church has made great progress under the able leadership of our good pastor and wife, Brother and Sister Robinson, whom we love and appreciate. The evangelist was Rev. Villard McCrary, of Anderson, S. C. He will do any church good.—Mrs. G. W. Price.

**W. MIAMI, Fla.**—We have feasted sumptuously on the rich manna of God through Jesus and by the mighty movings of the Holy Ghost throughout our 3 weeks' revival conducted by Sister Anne Glow. God met with us in every service and placed His approval by mighty manifestations of the Holy Ghost in our midst. The Holy Spirit worked wondrously and with great power, sometimes with deep

fear of the might and power of Almighty God, sometimes with a sweet spirit of holy communion and Christian love and fellowship, but always with great and mighty conviction. Only eternity will tell the accomplishments of this revival. Our entire church, and many from other churches, was mightily stirred and the people again awakened to the great task before us. God truly moved in our hearts and refreshed our souls.

The West Miami Church of God is still in its infancy, having been organized less than one year ago, with Rev. Dewey Herndon as our pastor. We were set in order as a church, April 17, 1950, while worshipping in a small store building donated by a member of the congregation, with a charter membership of 30. Eight months later we moved into our present church edifice. We now have the outside of the building near completion and our membership has grown to 53. There is still much to be done, however, and our people are working wonderfully to complete the building which will be valued at \$25,000.

The last Sunday of the revival was a "break the record" day for our Sunday School, with 168 in attendance and an offering of \$201. We received 2 new members into the church, with expectations of more to follow later. Nine were saved, a number sanctified, 2 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 1 baptized in water. Many are still seeking the Holy Ghost. Our pastor and his wife have labored faithfully, together with our people. Each person accepts his responsibility and place of service, and God is blessing our efforts. Pray for our work.—Edna M. Pruitt.

**PELHAM, Ala.**—The Pelham Church of God, where O. C. Kendrick is pastor, has recently had a revival, in which many were saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. Fifteen new members were added to the church. Earl Miller was the evangelist; he certainly preached some wonderful sermons. He has now been called into the Service of our country. Remember him in your prayers, also our church in Pelham.—B. Cagle.

**MIDDLETOWN, Ohio.**—We have just had a revival at South Middletown, with Rev. C. D. Chambers and wife, of Cincinnati, as the evangelists. Eight were saved, 4 sanctified, 4 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 4 added to the church. This is a new church, but the Lord is wonderfully blessing us. Any church will do well to get Brother Chambers for a revival. His address is 612 W. McMicken Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio.—Eddie Lawson, Pastor.

**NORTH MATEWAN, W. Va.**—We have just closed a 4 weeks' revival at the Church of God in North Matewan,

with Rev. D. B. Yow, of Cleveland, Tenn., as the evangelist. Fifteen were saved, 9 sanctified, 7 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 10 added to the church. We are really praising God for the wonderful revival He has given us and also for sending a man of God like Brother Yow our way. He is truly a man of God. He preached under the anointing power of the Holy Ghost. He would prove a great blessing to any church. The Lord blessed with great crowds each night of the revival. The church is growing in every way, and the Lord is blessing wonderfully. We praise and thank God for our pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Swift.—William (Billy) Tate, Clerk.

**PINE GROVE, Tenn.**—We recently had a 3 weeks' revival, with Rev. Charles Clayton, of Lee College, as the evangelist. Brother Clayton was ably assisted by the Joyful Echoes Quartet and Brother and Sister Williams of the School. Twenty were saved, 8 sanctified, and 6 baptized with the Holy Ghost. We praise the Lord for Brother Clayton. His wonderful preaching blessed both saint and sinner. Our Sunday School attendance reached 177 on the last Sunday of the revival. We believe our church will continue to progress under the leadership of our good pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. L. O. Siferd.—Don Schleif, Sunday School Superintendent.

**GREENEVILLE, Tenn.**—We are glad to report an old-fashioned revival that just closed at the Elsie Gass Church of God Mission. Preaching was done by Rev. Sydney A. Glover. We highly recommend Brother Glover to any church. He is a preacher of the Word and a blessing to the church. There were 39 saved, 32 sanctified, and 18 filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother Glover's address is Route 3, Johnson City, Tenn.—Elsie Gass.

**HUFFMAN, Ark.**—We have just closed an 8 weeks' revival here. The Lord was really good to us. There were 39 saved, 32 sanctified, 29 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 25 added to the church. Sister Dollie Pollard, of Tyler, Mo., was the evangelist. She did some good preaching the times she got to preach. The Holy Ghost took over several times during the revival, and she did not have to preach. Anyone would be blessed to have Sister Pollard for a revival. There were some all-night prayer meetings by the pastor and some of the members of the church, and in those prayer meetings 6 received the Holy Ghost. One young man received the Holy Ghost at 10 minutes to 5 one morning, while another received it at 5:30, and another received it at 6:00 a.m.—Amos A. Ledford, Pastor.

# INTERESTING REPORTS

## STATESVILLE, N. C., DISTRICT CONVENTION

We held our annual convention March 30, 31, at the Statesville church, the district church. Each of the seven churches was well represented and some churches on neighboring districts. Each of the services contained a good talk, a sermonette, prayer, or special singing from various musical groups. Rev. Earl P. Paulk, our state overseer, brought wonderful soul-stirring messages on the doctrine of Church of God missions. We were made to feel the need to be up and about our Father's business, seeing so much to be done. We raised a mission offering of \$874.72. Pray for us that we might further the program of soul-saving in our district.—District Church Reporter.

## A WONDERFUL LITTLE CHURCH

STATESVILLE, N. C.—God has given the Statesville Church strength to come thus far with the help of its former pastors who were men of God and worked faithfully while with us. We appreciate our pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Stallings, who have come to help us on to greater accomplishments. I feel they will prove a great blessing to us. We have a wonderful little church here, and a people who are living close to God, trusting in His great strength to guide us on to deeper depths and higher heights. Pray for our church that we will ever be on fire for God and continually watching, praying, and working until our Lord returns to take us home.—Fannie Byrd, Church Reporter.

## OUR HOPES ARE HIGH

GREEN BAY, Wis.—We, of the Church of God of Green Bay, Wis., are glad to report that on February 11, 1951, in the home of E. B. Wolff, after having services for several weeks, our state overseer, Rev. Estel Moore, organized our church. From the start of the service you could feel God's presence, and when the opportunity for membership was given, 11 of the 13 people present stood up to become members. Our hopes are high, and our spirit is undaunted. We are praying that God will give us a great revival and that many souls will be saved.—Bill Heron, Pastor; Sister E. B. Wolff, Clerk.

## CHURCH HAS MADE PROGRESS

CINCINNATI, Iowa — The Church of God here has made progress under the leadership of our pastor, J. E. Temple. We have remodeled the church to the extent of \$300. The Lord has been meeting with us and blessing us. We have just closed a revival with Evangelist K. C. LaFary, of Mishawaka, Ind. Two were saved, 3 sanctified, and 2 filled with the Holy Ghost. Any church would be profited by this young man's Holy Ghost preaching.—Mrs. Ira Besse.

## EVANGEL COUNT FOR FEBRUARY, 1951

Alabama	1,328
Arizona	123
Arkansas	258
California	325
Colorado	24
Connecticut	4
Delaware	42
Florida	1,207
Georgia	3,026
Idaho	33
Illinois	406
Indiana	238
Iowa	112
Kansas	57
Kentucky	728
Louisiana	357
Maine	60
Maryland	207
Massachusetts	14
Michigan	587
Minnesota	41
Mississippi	512
Missouri	244
Montana	52
Nebraska	31
New Jersey	28
New Hampshire	1
New Mexico	54
New York	36
North Carolina	3,117
North Dakota	64
Ohio	734
Oklahoma	484
Oregon	35
Pennsylvania	513
Rhode Island	1
South Carolina	2,408
South Dakota	78
Tennessee	1,676
Texas	697
Virginia	630
Utah	1
Washington	89
Washington, D. C.	25
West Virginia	1,262
Wisconsin	46
Wyoming	3
Foreign	283
Western Canada	44
Central Canada	19
TOTAL	22,342

## NEBRASKA IS MOVING FORWARD

NEBRASKA—The Church of God in Nebraska is still moving forward with a steady pace. Since the Assembly we have organized one new Y.P.E., 3 new Sunday Schools, one new church, and have opened up 2 more mission stations. In 6 months we have more than doubled our state membership. We are now planning to open up another mission where we have 3 families in that city. We have had 18 revivals, with 170 people saved. We raised our \$1.00 per member quota for Lee College, also our aged ministers' quota. We have almost completed one new church building and are starting on another. The ice and snowstorms have been against us,

but God has been for us. Most all of the churches have doubled their membership in the last 6 months. We thank God for this good increase, and appreciate the ministers that helped to make it so.—W. R. Collins, Overseer of Nebraska.

## 'KNOW YOUR CHURCH WEEK' FOLLOWED BY REVIVAL

CHOKOLOSKEE, Fla. — We thank God that we were able to get Rev. J. M. Bradley, of Lakeland, Fla., to preach to us during our "Know Your Church Week." The church was blessed by his doctrinal messages. God was blessing in such a mighty way that by the end of the week our pastor did not think God was through with Brother Bradley there so he stayed another week. The results of the 2 weeks' meeting were: 2 saved, 2 sanctified, 2 filled with the Holy Ghost, one baptized in water, and one added to the church. We thank God for our good pastor, S. P. Chesser, and his wife.

We also thank each one who came to our fellowship meeting. The L.W.W.B. fixed a fish and cabbage supper and the money that was taken in on the supper amounted to a little over \$100. We thank God for this money, as part of it will be paid on the bathroom that we are having put in the parsonage.—Mrs. Joe Lopez.

## BOGALUSA, LA., DISTRICT CONVENTION

This is my third year to serve as district pastor here, and the splendid cooperation I have received from the pastors and members has been wonderful. We have had a general gain in the district work every year. Our district mission offering was \$909, which is a gain over last year. The tithes at all the churches are more than they have ever been. The pastor and church in Covington have built a nice 6-room parsonage, with garage combination and a nice bath. The pastor is Rev. Joseph Daniel. The church at Savannah Branch, where Rev. Allen Fitzgerald is pastor, has finished the new parsonage which was begun by Rev. G. M. Hughes last year. It has 5 rooms and a bath and is modern in every way. The church in Bogalusa began a 6-room parsonage last Monday morning, and it will be nice in every way. Rev. W. M. Fowler is the pastor. Then the Ward Line Church built a parsonage last year. Rev. Coleman is the pastor there. The people at Shepherds Fold have repaired the parsonage and put new fixtures in the bathroom. A new roof was put on and much painting and other work done on the inside. Also, we have built an addition 48 feet long to the church for Sunday School rooms and bought a \$900 piano for the church. I sincerely appreciate the ministry and laity of this district.—C. W. Kendall, District Overseer.



## COFFEYVILLE HAS FIRST AA SUNDAY SCHOOL IN KANSAS



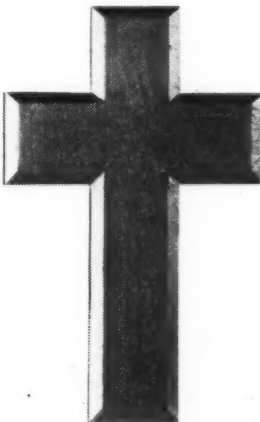
This is the picture of the Sunday School at Coffeyville, Kans., the first AA Sunday School reported in the State. The pastor, Joseph M. Daugherty, is standing at the extreme left with guitar. The Sunday School superintendent, George Trotter, is standing by his side holding the Sunday School register. The church clerk, J. E. Jackson, is holding the State Sunday School banner. The writer may be seen at the extreme right, with mandolin.

Brother Daugherty, our daughter, Brenda, and I came to Coffeyville a year ago last September. God has

blessed the combined efforts of the church, and the splendid cooperation of all concerned has enabled the church here to go from victory to victory. The Sunday School attendance since last September has averaged 103 each Sunday. Six months prior to Brother Daugherty's coming here there was an average of 63 each Sunday. Since the Sunday on which the above picture was taken, the Sunday School has had a double record-breaking attendance of 194, which broke the local church record of 155 and the national Sunday School Group D record of 163. Incidentally, the church won the National Y.P.E. Banner,

Group D, a year ago last February. So now the church holds both national banners.

During the last year the church has almost doubled its membership. Two Sunday School rooms have been built, the front steps made concrete, and the church interior redecorated. The L.W.W.B. is active, and they have contributed greatly to the success of the work here. Since January 1, there have been 41 experiences in our regular services, and we are continuing steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship and in the breaking of bread and in prayers.—Mrs. J. M. Daugherty.



### IN MEMORIAM

#### FARMER

Reverend J. C. Farmer passed away, Feb. 11, 1951, at his home in Statesville, N. C., at the age of 67 years. Brother Farmer had been a minister in the Church of God for 30 years and was instrumental in organizing several

churches in North Carolina. One of the larger churches he organized was the church here in Statesville. He was well known and appreciated by the ministers of this State, and his presence will be missed. He is survived by his faithful wife and a host of relatives and friends. Certainly this scripture applies to Brother Farmer: "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." Rev. 14:13.—His Pastor, Rev. W. M. Stallings.

#### SPAKE

Lillie Mae Abernathy Spake, born Aug. 31, 1902, died March 9, 1951, at the age of 48 years. She is survived by her husband, Rev. C. D. Spake, and 2 children, James Spake of the Air Force, and Mrs. Christine Carver, of Dallas, N. C.—Rev. C. D. Spake.

#### A CARD OF THANKS

We thank each and every one for the kindness and sympathy shown during the recent illness and death of our beloved wife and mother, Lillie Mae Spake. Your kindness and sympathy are more deeply appreciated than words can express.—Rev. C. D. Spake and family.

#### REID

Asbrene A. Reid, widow of Nelson Reid, was born April 11, 1875, and died March 12, 1951, at the age of 75 years and 11 months. She died at her home in Lancaster, Ohio. She is survived by 2 brothers, 2 sisters, and a host of friends and relatives. She was a devoted mother and a faithful member of the Church

of God for 25 years. All who knew her life or saw her leave this world can say, "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord."—Her Children.

#### TRALIX

Glennie Tralix, born Aug. 16, 1881, died Aug. 22, 1950. He was a member of the Church of God at Pulaski, Tenn. To know him was to love him. He is survived by his wife, 6 sons, 4 daughters, 4 brothers, 2 sisters, 10 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.—J. O. Cochran.

#### LEDHETTER

Mrs. Laura Ledbetter passed away March 9, 1951, at her home in Tyler, Tex., at the age of 74 years. She has been a member of the local church at Tyler for 6 years, since its organization, and a Christian for 16 or 17 years. Even though afflicted for several years and having only the means of a wheel chair in which to get around, she was faithful to the last in going to the services in Tyler and surrounding district. She was a faithful supporter of the church and sent her birthday offering, along with her tithes, to the Sunday School just a few days before her passing. She left with a host of relatives and friends the memory of one who suffered with patience and set a Christian example before all who came in contact with her. In the last hours of her life she admonished the family to go to church. Her funeral was conducted at the Church of God in Tyler, Tex., with the pastor, Henry B. Ellis, and former pastor, George M. Bloomingdale, of Electra, Tex., officiating. Burial was in her home community at Ore City, Tex.

# Scriptural Fasting

By DR. THOMAS E. POOL, in *The Free Methodist*

Fasting is rarely mentioned, except incidentally, in the modern churches.

In describing the conditions that would be found on the earth at the time of the second coming of Christ, the Holy Spirit, through Luke, says, "And as it was in the time of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat . . ." "Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot. They did eat, . . ."

Fasting was unknown in those days, and we are to have conditions, when He comes to get His church, "as it was in the days" of Noah and Lot.

One of the signs of His imminent return is eating, satisfying the physical appetite, instead of fasting and prayer for a blind and dead world hastening to the precipice of eternity.

The teaching today in almost every church about fasting is, "Fast when the Lord lays it on you." Does God carry on His work in such an indefinite and haphazard way? Do we do other things, such as paying the grocery bill, or going to our daily task, just only when "the Lord lays it on us"?

Ezra, when returning from captivity, with a large group of people and much wealth found himself in an emergency. Ahead was the unbroken wilderness, infested with robbers. What could he do? His testimony to the king about the mighty God he served made it impossible for him to ask for soldiers. He called a three-day fast, and God heard their cry and protected them.

Nineveh, facing God's judgments, proclaimed a fast by command of the king, who said, "Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything; let them not feed or drink water." God spared the city for some hundreds of years in answer to their fasting and prayers.

History teaches that both nations and individuals have fasted when threatened with disaster or judgment; but has God left us to fast under ordinary and everyday conditions?

All the doctrines of the New Testament church are found in the types of the Old Testament.

The atonement, justification, sanctification, and all other doctrines of the church in the church age are clearly found in the sacrifices and annual feasts of the Hebrew nation, during the centuries preceding the coming of the Messiah.

Was fasting as clearly commanded in any of the national feasts as the sacrifices (atonement) were?

If fasting was enjoined definitely and regularly on the Hebrews, then the church today is failing to live up to the standard set forth in the types.

The Great Day of Atonement, one of the annual feasts of the Hebrews, was a day of national humiliation.

On that day the people went with bare feet and abstained from all food and drink. Any Hebrew who would only "fast when God laid it on him" would be cut off from among his people.

In Leviticus 16:31 and 23:29, we have a portion of the Hebrew law dealing with this great national feast. "It shall be a sabbath of rest unto you, and ye shall afflict your souls by a statute forever." "For whatsoever soul it be that shall not be afflicted in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people." "Afflict" refers to fasting.

This annual festival was sometimes spoken of as "the fast." Paul, when a prisoner, on his way to Rome (Acts 27:9), spoke of "the fast." Adam Clarke says of this Scripture, "It is generally allowed that the fast mentioned here was the Great Day of Atonement."

Fasting is definitely established in the types, and should be found in the antitype.

The Great Day of Atonement was the day when the great high priest went, alone, into the Most Holy Place with the blood of the sacrifice, which he sprinkled seven times before the mercy seat, and it was as regularly celebrated as the Feast of the Passover.

The New Testament church fasted much in the day when she enjoyed the most intimate relations with the Holy Ghost.

In Acts 13 we read, "As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them." Then, after they had done this, apparently at a later date, this record is given, "And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away." In Matthew 17:21 Jesus tells His disciples that their failure to cast out certain demons was due to their lack of prayer and fasting.

That Jesus expected His followers to fast there can be no question. In teaching them concerning fasting He says, "But thou, when thou fastest," showing that He expected them to fast. At another time, He says, "Then shall they fast."

Dr. J. G. Morrison, who has, probably, studied the lives of all the outstanding saints of the Christian era as much as any other man, says, "Every great leader who has moved his age mightily for God was a faster."

Martin Luther was a regular weekly faster, and God used him to lift the curtain of night that had hung over the world during the "Dark Ages." Luther is criticized for fasting too rigorously, to the probable injury of his health, but he moved the world toward God and is still blessing the

world of today.

John Knox fasted regularly, and history tells us that "Bloody Mary," queen of Scotland, said that she feared the prayers of Knox more than the army of England. Knox prevailed with God. Mary's wicked head came down to the block, and Scotland was saved from the awful blight of Catholicism.

John Wesley fasted two days each week. The church which God used him to raise up also had two weekly fast days in her early history, when she was on fire for God and a successful winner of souls. John Wesley says in a sermon as follows: "While we were at Oxford, the rule of every Methodist was (unless in case of sickness) to fast every Wednesday and Friday in the year, in imitation of the primitive church, for which they had the highest respect." Again Wesley says, "The man that never fasts is no more in the way to heaven than the man that never prays. Epiphanius, an ancient writer (quoted by Wesley in a sermon), says, 'Who does not know that the fast of the fourth and sixth days of the week (Wednesday and Friday) are observed by the Christians throughout the world?'"

The martyrs, Latimer, Ridley, and Crammer, are among the number who were regular fasters.

Charles G. Finney, probably the greatest soul-winner since the apostle Paul, fasted regularly each week. He declares that when he detected a diminution of the Spirit's presence in and through him, he would fast three days and three nights, not tasting food or water, and as a result he would see the revival power restored and many turn to God.

In early colonial days, Jonathan Edwards was a regular faster. It was under his ministry that sinners would seize the pillars of the church and backs of the seats under the mighty conviction of the Spirit, feeling that they were in danger of dropping into hell.

Sammy Morris was a regular weekly faster, and who can read the life of this Spirit-filled African without being blessed?

The late Rev. Seth C. Rees, a successful soul-winner, probably never attempted to hold a revival without appointing one or more days of fasting.

Is it not a fact that, in the last twenty-five years, the decline in real old-time revivals and the increase in worldliness in the churches is in about the proportion that fasting has been neglected?

If it is true that every outstanding soul-winner in the last nineteen hundred years was a regular weekly faster, and it cannot be successfully denied, might it not be profitable for us, in this day of spiritual dearth, to practice this scriptural example?

Emergencies and impending disasters drive us to fast and seek God; why not seek Him regularly, for are we not in a terrible spiritual famine?

World conditions now and imminent

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# Some Things to Think About . . .

## NEW THEOLOGY DEFINED

The following, from *The Gideon*, sets forth clearly the difference between the modernist and the fundamentalist positions:

A pantheistic God instead of a personal God.  
A human Saviour instead of a divine Saviour.  
Infallible scholarship instead of an infallible Book.  
Modern thought instead of a "Thus saith the Lord."  
A development of religious ideas from the human mind instead of a revelation from God.

The natural in all things, the supernatural in nothing.

Reformation instead of regeneration.  
Culture instead of conversion.  
A change of environment instead of a change of heart.

The energy of the flesh instead of prayer and faith.

Interest in the secular instead of zeal for religion.

Nobody afraid of hell, and nobody caring much about heaven.

Everybody coming out right anyhow, and nobody on the wrong track except those who cling to the faith once for all delivered to the saints.—*Alliance Weekly*.

"We don't care what you think," shouted the prosecuting attorney; "we want to hear what you know."

"In that case," replied the witness. "I guess I'd better get off the witness stand. I can't talk without thinkin'. I ain't no prosecuting attorney."

It isn't necessary to blow out the other person's light to let your own light shine.

A Quaker pioneer, walking from his clearing to the meeting house, had his trusty flintlock ready. A nonbeliever accosted him saying, "Brother Nathan, is it not your belief that what is destined to be, will be?"

"Yes."  
"Then if all the Indians in the province attacked the meeting house, and your time had not come, you would not be harmed?"

"No," answered the Quaker.  
"But if your time had come, then no matter what you did, it would do no good?"

"That is right."  
"Then why do you carry your gun to the meeting?"

Gravely the Quaker replied, "On my way to or from the meeting I might see an Indian whose time had come. I should hate to disappoint him."

**LUCK RAN OUT**—Mrs. J. D. Alway died Friday with 14 others when a Mid-Continent plane crashed at Sioux City, Iowa. She had walked away unharmed from another Mid-Continent crash at Tulsa, Okla., Tuesday before.

## ALWAYS A WAY— By James J. Metcalfe

There is no problem in this life . . . Too difficult or great . . . As long as we are willing and . . . We try to concentrate . . . As long as we have courage and . . . Determination now . . . To face whatever odds there are . . . And carry out our vow . . . Because for every question mark . . . There is an answer right . . . As surely as the sun goes down . . . And morning follows night . . . And we can find the proper page . . . If only we will look . . . And not surrender with a sigh . . . Before we close the book . . . We can not fail to win if we . . . Have faith and confidence . . . In human understanding and . . . In God's omnipotence.

## PRAYERS OF POLIO VICTIM, 6, ANSWERED

TULSA, Okla., Feb. 26, 1951—Here it is, Benna Kay, the story you wanted in the newspaper . . .

"Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kime's daughter Benna Kay, has had polio, but now she can wiggle her toes."

It's a warm and wonderful story, honey. And it should do just what you want—so that "everybody can be happy."

Benna Kay, blonde and blue-eyed and with her tragic leg braces on the floor beside her, crawled slowly to her mother Saturday night and cried:

"Oh, Mama, I can wiggle my toes. That's what I've always said my prayers for. I've asked God to make me walk again. I've never said it out loud before. But now I can."

## Mother Cried

And Mrs. Kime, the mother of two other children—Carl, Jr., 15 months, and Diana Sue, 7—cried.

"Why are you crying, Mama?" Benna Kay, who is 6, asked.

"I'm crying, darling," she answered, "because I am so happy."

"Do you think we ought to put it in the paper, Mama?" the child asked. "Then everybody can be happy."

Her mother said yes.

"All right, Mama," she said, "we will. Then other little boys and girls who have had polio can be happy too, and have some hope."

The toe movement—in her right foot—was faint, hardly noticeable. But it was the first in four years, since the crippling disease attacked in 1946.

## "Really a Miracle"

"It's really a miracle," her father, principal at the near-by Sperry High School, said yesterday. "And it's given us hope. We had resigned ourselves to her condition. But now we do have a definite hope. She's not counted out yet."

And faith and hope are abundant within Benna Kay.

"The doctors said I could never wiggle my toes again," she said. "But they were wrong. I wonder if everything else will start wiggling? I will pray harder than ever now."

And Benna Kay asked her mother:

"Can I kiss you, Mama, because I am so happy. Maybe God will let me walk again. I guess I had better throw Him a kiss, too."

And Benna Kay Kime did.

## PERSEVERANCE

By George D. Watson

A phase of trying the perfect believer is the monotony of spiritual life, but this is one of the features in a life of perfect faith. This monotony of the spiritual state is not to be permanent, but it is a phase of testing the grace of perseverance.

There come periods to the most perfectly consecrated soul, when it must push its way through a sameness of things, and over dreary, monotonous plains, where the thoughts, and emotions, and prayers, and duties are like a tiresome treadmill, day after day, week after

week, and month after month, in which there come no new visions, no fresh gushes of prayer, no bright thoughts of heavenly beauty, and everything in religion seems to be dull and tiresome.

This experience will prove exactly the quality of energy in the soul, and if it can push bravely on through these monotonous portions of the journey, it will sooner or later come into a place of new and manifold riches of divine things.

## MOTHER'S TEARS: THAT'S WHAT HE DREADED MOST

BOSTON, Mass.—"Dear Ma and Dad," the letter said. "I'm on my way home, but I'm bringing some bad news with me."

Thus started the letter from 19-year-old Pfc. Bob Mullen to his folks in South Boston. "I hope you don't take this so hard as some people would," the letter continued. "I went to Korea and got wounded in both my legs. They had to be amputated."

Mrs. Mullen dropped the letter and wept bitterly as she thought of her boy who had enlisted when only 17. Then she picked it up and went on.

"The only thing I'm worried about is you folks. I don't want you to be worrying and going around with tears in your eyes."

"The best years of my life are ahead of me."

## SYSTEMATIC RELIGION

Daniel was systematic in his religion. At nine, and at twelve, and at three o'clock he was accustomed to pray. It may seem absurd to talk about system in piety, and method in holiness, but we propose to stand by this absurdity and push it. You may call it "clock-work Christianity" if you choose. The old dispensation was inlaid with method, exactness, and precision.

Daniel not only prayed regularly three times a day, but he was accustomed to go to a particular room, before a particular window, and kneel down, and PRAY. And Daniel was a safe man to trust in times of emergency.—*Dr. Parkhurst*.

## BOWERY TESTIMONY

Such missions as the Bowery Mission, New York City, can accurately tell the story of the increasing drink curse in our country. Superintendent C. J. St. John says, "During prohibition we got the chronic drunk only on the Bowery; today we are getting the lawyer, the skilled employee, the professional man, the musician. All kinds are coming to us today; there is three hundred percent more drunkenness since the repeal than before. We deal with 150,000 to 250,000 of John Barleycorn's finished products each year, men who started with a social drink, took two or three cocktails, thought they could handle booze."—*Religious Digest*.

# TESTIMONIES

**DEMOREST, Ga.**—I am glad I know Jesus. I praise Him for what He has done for me. I thank Him for healing in our home so many times. I especially thank Him at this time for healing my little boy's eyes and my baby. I desire a closer walk with the Lord and more faith to trust.—Mrs. G. L. Herring.

I am praising the Lord again for a great revival of healing in my family. About five months ago I was healed of asthma. The moment our pastor's wife, Sister Grady May, laid the *Evangel* on my chest, I could feel a change, and I feel sure that my touch of divine healing came right then. About two months later my second son was born, needing healing. I'll never know what was wrong with him, but he wasn't allowed out of the oxygen tent for any reason until the morning after he was prayed for. I believe with all my heart that God spared his life. Four weeks ago my four-year-old son was spared after an

operation for a ruptured appendix. To God I dedicate them and pray that He will find glory in their lives. I also praise God for a good praying husband. Pray for him to be able to testify to the Holy Ghost before it's too late.—Sister Hatchel.

**DONALSONVILLE, Ga.**—I am praising and thanking our dear Saviour for what He has done for us in the past year. I praise Him for His healing power. I know that He has touched my body, and I know without a shadow of doubt that He is able to heal me completely.—Mrs. Bernice Brimlow.

**DOCTOR'S INLET, Fla.**—I praise the Lord for His goodness and love. The Lord has been so good to us for the past eighteen years.—Roxie Braswell.

**JONESBORO HEIGHTS, N. C.**—I praise the Lord for His keeping power. I was a backslider, but the Lord wonderfully saved me. I praise Him for touching my children when they were sick with a fever. Please pray for me to be completely healed.—Mrs. Ruby Thomas.

# Sanctification

In the Scriptures, sinners are exhorted to cleanse their hands, to repent of their sins, and to believe the gospel, while believers are exhorted to purify their hearts, and to cleanse themselves from all "filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of the Lord," James 1:8; 2 Cor. 7:1, and there is a very definite reason for this twofold character of grace in the redemption of the believer as we set out to prove.

Many people do not understand the true nature of salvation because they do not understand the true nature of sin. Defective views of sin lead to "incorrect views of salvation." What we think of the salvation of Jesus Christ depends quite largely on our view of sin, which made it necessary. Sin has many aspects, but there are two primary forms in which it "exists"—first, as an evil in man, and, second, as an evil done by man. We can form no adequate conception of its nature, or of the remedy God has provided, unless we look at it from these two points of view. One is a sinful state, the other a sinful practice. A sinful state implies a corrupt nature bending to evil, a heart "alienated" from God and opposed to holiness. A sinful practice is the transgression of the law. But a state of sinfulness exists before we begin to practice sin. It has been said, "Man is not a sinner because he does evil; he does evil because he is a sinner."

Train a child as you may, but evil will come out of him if it is in him. Then, behind the doing of sin lies the being of sin, and it is only by removing the cause that the effect will cease.

Jesus, speaking of a "fountain head of sin," said: "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: all these evil things come from within and defile the man," St. Mark 7:21-23. Also, in St. Luke 6:45, He says, "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh."

It is because sin exists in this twofold character, as an act and a state, that salvation assumes a twofold aspect. For one's guilt there is forgiveness, and for inbred sin, or depravity, there is cleansing, but forgiveness can only extend to "actual transgression." Depravity is a state of the heart which one inherited from one's first parents in the fall. It is not actual sin but is the fountain from which actual sin flows. It is the bitter root of which actual sins are the fruit. It is deeper in our nature than just wrong doing. In regeneration our actual transgressions are forgiven, and sin is subdued and conquered, but it

is not destroyed. The fortress of a man's soul has been won for the Lord, but within its garrison some traitors lurk, maimed and crippled, but not "dead."

The disease is modified, but it is not "eradicated." The bud may be nipped, some branches cut off, but the ROOT is not moved, or taken out. Inbred sin is suspended, held in check, repressed; but it is not fully expelled from the soul. It does not reign, but it exists. Tendencies to sin are controlled, but they are not eradicated, that is, they are controlled in a measure. George Fox, the founder of the Friends church, over one hundred years ago, says, "I knew—Jesus. He was precious to my soul, but at times there was something in me that would not keep sweet, kind, etc. I tried to keep it down but it was there. I sought Jesus, and He came and took away all that would not be kind, sweet, etc., and shut the door."

Therefore it is not enough to just modify, or suspend, check, or repress a disease; the core of the trouble should be moved. Likewise, the core, or the "root" of sin should be moved, and can be. In 1 John 1:9, we read, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins (guilt), and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (inbred)." This act of "cleansing" is the work of sanctification; the agent of cleansing is the Holy Ghost; the state of being cleansed is holiness. Thus holiness of heart and life is conditioned on a second work of grace.

I read also in 1 Cor. 1:30: "But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption." To this I agree. Note: Christ is, indeed, made all things needful to the "believer," but, in reality, He becomes such in actual EXPERIENCE only as we appropriate Him for ourselves. "Ask, and ye shall receive."—From *THE CHURCH OF GOD NEWS BIRD* of Arkansas.

## LOOKING TO JESUS

By MRS. VELMA GROVES PLATTER, Box 54, Bittering, Md.

Heb. 12:2, "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

If we desire to be made clean, we must LOOK TO JESUS. He has possession of the only heart laundry in the world. Look to Jesus and He will cause you to worship and rejoice like the shepherds did on that first Christmas Day, when they heard the Word of God by angels and obeyed and were made to rejoice.

Matthew was looking to Jesus. When He drew nigh to him and said, "Follow me," Matthew obeyed Him, and He made him writer of His first Gospel. John looked to Jesus, drew near to Him, and lived close to Him. John wrote more about love than any of the evangelists, and penned the most beautiful paragraphs of comfort to a very uncomfortable world, which have been and will be the greatest solace to millions of sorrowing lives in every generation. John, also, was favored with the most complete horoscope of prophetic views concerning God's purpose for the future of the church and coming kingdom.

A poor sick woman kept looking to Jesus until her weak, nervous body was changed to one of vigor and power. She was made to rejoice exceedingly, praising Jesus for doing what man could never do, for she had spent all with physicians and was no better. The demoniac of Gadara was looking unto Jesus and was liberated from depression of Satan and clothed in his right mind. Then he glorified God. Will you look to Jesus? Unto whom are you looking? to self? to the

world? to the devil? The woman of Samaria was looking unto Jesus. She saw in Him one who knew her as well as she knew herself and told her all things she ever did. She went to her home town and asked the people to look unto Jesus. She said, "Come and see a man that told me all I ever did." They came and saw Jesus, loved Him and desired His companionship. Zacchaeus was looking unto Jesus out of a sycamore tree. Jesus said, "Come down; I want to abide with thee." Zacchaeus obeyed Jesus, came down, and made provision for the poor and needy and those he had defrauded. He also made a feast for Jesus. Every day is feasting day if we are looking unto Jesus. He inspires our liberality and causes us, like Zacchaeus, to help the poor and make all wrongs right.

Stephen was looking unto Jesus when he said, "I see Jesus standing at the right hand of God." He became the first Christian martyr, dying with his face wreathed in a heavenly light. Your faith will save you from all sin and you will be filled with all the fulness of God. When the heaven opened near Damascus, Paul, or Saul of Tarsus, was looking unto Jesus, who told him his future work which He assigned him. Paul said, just before his departure, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith, I shall wear the crown." John the Baptist told his disciples to look unto Jesus. They did and became very useful in the founding of the Christian church, which is the salt of the earth. He can change your life and make you a blessing.

We cannot look to father, mother,  
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ceive me." David. Then, Paul explains it in these words, "For if by one man's offence DEATH reigned by one, much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ." David only made an admission of sin—the cause of SPIRITUAL and PHYSICAL DEATH. But Paul shows our way of escape. He further explains that our freedom from DEATH-DEALING SIN is DEATH TO SIN. "Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of SIN might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve SIN. For he that is DEAD is freed from SIN." In other words, if you are not DEAD TO SIN, you are DEAD SPIRITUALLY.

The last SPIRITUAL DEATH is known as the SECOND

DEATH, a term used to differentiate between the PHYSICAL DEATH and the last and final phase of SPIRITUAL DEATH, which simply means the eternal separation of the SOUL from God and all possibilities of SALVATION. Here is the Biblical description of the SECOND DEATH: "The sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them; and death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is THE SECOND DEATH." Rev. 20:13, 14. Remember, "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection, on such the SECOND DEATH hath no power." So get rid of SIN, the cause of SPIRITUAL DEATH, and LIVE FOR EVER MORE. The Lord bless you with saving grace and life eternal.

## SCRIPTURAL FASTING

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events at our door point to world disaster unparalleled in history. The powers of darkness are spreading over the nations, and none shall escape!

Winning souls is becoming increasingly difficult. Nation is destroying nation. Christianity is only a form in most churches. The love of many is waxing cold. The fires of martyrdom are kindled in many parts of the world and will, undoubtedly, reach every nation.

In these closing days, only those Christians who are desperately in earnest to win souls are worth anything to God!

In the earlier times, when conviction was deep, restitutions and confession were thorough, conversions were genuine, and sanctifications were clear, the Methodists, Salvation Army, and Holiness movement fasted regularly and prayed mightily, and God gave them revivals. Should not we do likewise in this time of unprecedented spiritual decline, when the boundary line between righteousness and worldliness has disappeared, and the church and the world have joined hands; when to be "saved and sanctified" means little more than to live a good moral life; when a "burden for souls" and "praying through" are almost unknown; and when the standards taught by the Book and believed by our fathers and mothers has all but disappeared from the earth?

## UNITY

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Brethren, don't be afraid to read the teachings of our Church.

I had rather preach the funeral of any of my brethren who are ministers than to see them backslide by cutting corners, taking the easy way, compromising, giving place to the devil. Any old formal, lukewarm, dead, political-minded, string-pulling, man-pleasing preacher can float down the stream. But, praise God, it takes backbone, some manhood, zeal and barrels of love, grace, and determination to go upstream. If it takes pushing, then let's lend a hand. Pastor, how would you feel if Jesus would come and the biggest part of your church be left and, perhaps, you with them? They might tar and feather you. You had better tell them the truth and

be ready to go when Jesus comes. Let us not connive our way up. Let us pray and believe God.

Pastor, if you want a better church, work hard and make yours better. We must practice walking in the light. We see how hard it is today to get people who claim to be saved and sanctified to go to an altar and seek for the Holy Ghost.

You may call me "churchy," but Jesus and the apostle Paul were "churchy," and so were Jude and many of the early Christians. I know one thing, my testimony and that of some do not agree, for I say I love and appreciate and respect the Church of God, but they say, "Any church will do." Once a lad who had a nice-looking horse was asked by a man if his horse could run fast. The lad replied, "No, but he can stand fast." Gal. 5:11, "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." Gal. 5:7, "Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?" Pray for me to be found walking in His light.

## THE HARVEST IS GREAT . . .

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therefore, it is difficult for me to attend.

There are thousands of boys in this camp who need the full gospel more than any others I know. They do not hear the full gospel from the standard of worship here in camp. We need Pentecostal churches in places like this Army Camp. Christ said to pray that God would send forth laborers into the harvest. What I am wondering is, where are the laborers? or where are the ones who should be praying for the laborers to be sent forth? Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." Where are the ones who love Him? This is not the only place where men need the gospel, but hungry souls are awaiting the truth around the world. My prayer is that God will send forth laborers into the harvest, for surely reaping time is not far off.

I realize that the hearts of men are being hardened by satanic powers. I also read that Christ said in the last days, because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. It seems to me that many of God's people are giving up the fight because they feel that their work is in vain.

Jesus said to work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work. The hour of darkness is very near. Someone will be held responsible if he fails to lead hungry souls to Christ. May God help us to be greater followers of Christ. The harvest is very, very great, but where are the laborers?

## LOOKING TO JESUS

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brother, sister, or friend for salvation; we must look to Jesus. Jesus says, "I am the way." Jesus left heaven with all its grandeur; He died for sinners; He rose to perfect the plan, God's plan, through Jesus, to a world bitten by sin. The Son of God lifted up was the One to redeem the world. He says, "LOOK AND LIVE." For all who will look there is a crown of righteousness; for those who will not look there is everlasting punishment.

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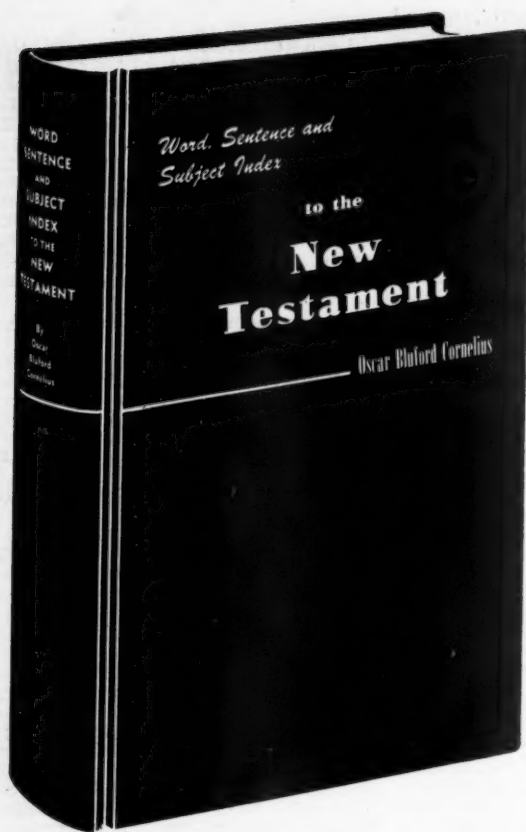
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